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PENCE SAYS WE ARE BETTER OFF TODAY THAN WE WERE FOUR YEARS AGO

Washington, May 19, 2004 - Washington, D.C.- U.S. Congressman Mike Pence today addressed the question of whether we are better off today than we were four years ago. This question, made famous by Ronald Reagan during his 1980 Presidential campaign, has been used by numerous House Democrats recently to argue against Republican policies of the past four years. Pence's comments delivered on the House floor follow:

"It really is a very good question, posed frequently on the House floor today: 'Are we better off today then we were four years ago?'

"Let's think. Four years ago we had a morally disgraced President of the United States of America in the Oval Office. Today we have a man of integrity, of virtue, of principle, and of purpose.

"Four years ago the terrorists planned their attacks against America and our allies. Today America attacks the terrorists while they cower in the mountains of Pakistan.

"Four years ago Saddam Hussein amassed weapons of mass destruction, the Taliban was in power, and Libya had a WMD program. Today the Taliban is gone, Saddam Hussein is in a cell, we have found pieces of his WMD's, and Libya has ended its WMD program.

"Four years ago the Clinton recession took hold. Just last month 300,000 new jobs were added to the economy.

"Four years ago partial-birth abortion was legal in America. Today that moral horror is ended.

"We are better off today than we were four years ago."

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